

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Police Discover Body of Missing Woman, Arrest Two for Murder

Howard County Police discovered the body of a missing Baltimore woman last night and arrested two suspects for her murder. Howard County detectives were notified by Prince Georges County police investigators yesterday that they had developed information about a possible homicide. They reported that a freezer containing a woman's body was going to be moved from a house in the 3900 block of Corporate Ct. in Ellicott City. Detectives set up surveillance on the house and saw the suspects loading a freezer into a truck. Police followed the truck, conducted a traffic stop and discovered the body of a woman inside the freezer.

The victim was identified as Tamaria Hughes, 36, of the 2200 block of Pentland Dr. in Baltimore, who was reported missing Thursday. Police identified her by matching tattoos and other physical descriptions provided by her family.

While investigators are awaiting an autopsy to confirm the exact cause of Hughes' death, it appears to be a homicide caused by blunt force trauma. Two occupants inside the truck, Kathy L. Gray, 40, of 3926 Corporate Ct. in Ellicott City and Anthony T. Williams, 31, of 5114 Barto Ave. in Suitland (P.G. Co.) were charged with first-degree murder and assault.

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*Editor's Note:* A PIO will be available for interviews from 2-2:30 p.m. today at Howard County Police Headquarters, 3410 Courthouse Dr., Ellicott City.